Incentives to Encourage Sports

3413. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the welfare of sportsmen and their family members who have represented in the National Sports earlier;

(b) whether the Banks and other Government Undertakings provide employment to the sportsmen, as per criteria fixed by the Government; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Government is implementing the Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sports persons with a view to giving financial assistance to eligible sportspersons and their families in indigent circumstances. This includes sports persons, who have achieved excellence in National Sports.

(b) and (c) The guidelines of the Union Govt. to provide recruitment of meritorious sports persons to its Group 'C' & 'D' posts in relaxation of normal recruitment procedure have been circulated to Govt. Undertakings for suitable adoption.

The Indian Banks Association have also circulated a scheme to all Public Sector Banks under which meritorious sportspersons are recruited in substaff, clerical staff and officers cadre without any written test.

Drug Addicts in the Country

3414. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drug addicts in the country;

(b) whether the number of drug addicts are increasing or decreasing with a propaganda of the Union Government; and

(c) how much drugs, Hassish, Charas, Brown-Sugar etc, come from different countries and what steps the Government have taken to control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) No census of drug addicts has been undertaken. The number of drug addicts in the country cannot be indicated. In 1990-91 about 2.27 lakh drug addicts were registered with various deaddiction, counselling and after-care centres being funded by the Government.

(c) According to information furnished by Narcotics Control Bureau since the operation is illicit, the data regarding quantity of drugs which come from various countries is not available. Government is taking following steps in this regard:—

(i) The Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act was enacted in 1985 and its provisions were further strengthened in 1989;

(ii) The Prevention of Illicit trafficking in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances not was enacted in 1988;

(iii) Narcotics Control Bureau has been set up under the Department of Revenue as Central Nodal Enforcement Agency;

(iv) Inter-state and Inter-agency Enforcement Coordination has been improved through the Narcotics Control Bureau;

(v) Training of customs, Police and other enforcement officers is organised in various training Institutes;

(vi) International Regional and bilateral cooperation in drug enforcement has been improved by ratifying the U. N. Convention of 1988, formulating the SAARC Convention of 1990 and signing bilateral agreements with several countries like USA., Mauritius and Afghanistan.

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Claims Cases Pending

3416. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV :

SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of such medical claim cases of Government employees wherein more than Rs. 10,000 is involved pending with the Ministry for more than one year ;

(b) the amount involved in each such cases and the name, and the post held by the employee and the name of the office in which he has been working ;

(c) whether any formalities are still to be completed by the Government in according its approval to said claims and if so, whether concerned employees have been informed about it ;

(d) if so, the dates on which information in this regard has been sent in each case ;

(e) whether there are certain cases out of the said cases in regard to which all the formalities have been completed and objections raised have already been cleared and if so, the reasons for not making payments in cases where the employees have met with accident ; and

(f) whether any stipulated time limit has been fixed for the disposal of such cases and whether there is any provision to take action against such guility employees of the Ministry who have not followed the above fixed time limit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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3417. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT